Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know, Sir, whether it is open to the Goverment to remove those slabs?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government)* I doubt it. The temple belongs to Paliam.

LANDING AND LOADING FEES—BASIN OF SHANMUKHAM CANAL

189. Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the rate fixed by Government for the boats landing and loading at the basin of the Shanmukham Canal at Irinjalakkuda ;

(*b*) in fixing the above rates, have Government consulted the local Municipality; if so, what were the rates suggested by them ;

(*c*) are the rates now fixed prevalent anywhere in the State ;

(*d*) what are the rates now prevailing in the basins of Ernakulam, Mattancheri and Trichur ;

(*e*) what is the average number of boats which arrived at the Shanmukham Canal basin before fixing these rates and after ;

(*f*) were there any grievances represented by the public and the Municipality of Irinjalakkuda regarding the high rates charged on boats?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) The rates are published in the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 26th Karkadagam 1115 (Part I).

(*b*) Yes. A copy of the rates suggested by the Municipality is placed on the Council Table.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The rates have been published by the respective Municipalities in the Government Gazettes, dated 19th Edavam 1115, 26th Edavam 1115 and 5th Karkadagam 1115 (Part II).

(*e*) No information is available regarding the number of boats that came to the basin before the landing charges began to be collected. Since then, detailed statistics have been maintained. Statements showing the details of boats that arrived after the charges began to be levied are placed on the Council Table.

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(*f*) Yes.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* What is the nature of the rate in these Municipalities? May I know whether it is a fixed rate?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Is it the same at Ernakulam and other places? Is it according to tonnage or is it for each craft?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I am not certain. But that is my re-collection. At Ernakulam it is on the tonnage basis.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* May I know whether it is the same rate for big a id small boats?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The rate is so much per ton.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* The Municipality suggested a varying rate for small boats.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That is according to the capacity, *i.e.*, the tonnage.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്°. പണിക്കർ: വ ടൺ കയറുന്ന ഒരു വഞ്ചിയിൽ ഒരു ടൺ സാമാനം മാത്രം കയറ്റിയാൽ വ ടണ്ണിന്റെയും കൂലി കൊടുക്കേണ്ടി വരുമോ?

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Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* May I know whether the grievances of the Municipality were considered by the Government?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The rates were obtained and they were considered.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* The grievances were submitted by the public as well. "Yes" is the answer given to sub-division (f).

Mr. President: Government have considered all those th ngs and come to a decision. Is it not so?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There were no complaints. Of course, there were representations and they were considered.

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